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SUBJ: FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE - ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

REF : (A) STATE 65379
(B) ROME 15292 (NOTAL)

1. FAO HAS SUPPLIED FODAG WITH PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 15-22 JUNE 1978. TEXT OF AGENDA AT PARA 5.

2. AGENDA IS PROVISIONAL UNTIL IT IS DECIDED WHETHER TO ADD ITEM ON "CHARTER FOR CENTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (CIRDAP). REFTEL (B). IF THIS ITEM IS ADDED, THEN TECHNICAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15-17 WILL BEGIN JUNE 14.

3. OTHER PROBLEM IS THAT NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE REALIZED THAT FAO AND UNESCO WERE BOTH PLANNING INAGURAL CEREMONIES FOR MONDAY, JUNE 19, IN KUALA LUMPUR. UNESCO MEETING IS ON
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COMMUNICATIONS AND CAN'T BE POSTPONED. FAO MEETING WAS APPROVED FIRST AND FAO DG DOESN'T WISH TO YIELD DAY THOUGH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL SESSION COULD WELL BE POSTPONED ONE DAY.

4. FAO CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT HILTON HOTEL IN KUALA LUMPUR AND MOST DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED TO STAY THERE. DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING

IN MEXICO CITY JUNE 12-14 TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE. TEN COUNTRIES ARE COMMON TO BOTH MEETINGS.

5. BEGIN TEXT: PROVISIONAL AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SESSION (15-17 JUNE)

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

2. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO PROGRAM IN THE REGION SINCE THE THIRTEENTH SESSION, INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF REGIONAL TECHNICAL BODIES AND THE PROGRAM OF WORK IN THE REGION FOR 1978-79.

3. AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

4. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

5. PROMOTION OF FOOD SECURITY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST LOSSES

6. ADOPTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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PLENARY SESSION (19-22 JUNE)

1. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

5. COUNTRY STATEMENTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

7. DATE AND PLACE OF THE FIFTEENTH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

9. OTHER MATTERS

10. CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

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